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ABC asks local teens to share their story

The ABC is calling on high school students in the City of Melton and across greater Melbourne to share a story about their life for the chance to have it told at a national level.

Melton City Council is among 32 councils in Melbourne to partner with the ABC on Takeover Melbourne – an annual competition that creates a powerful platform for young Melburnians to be heard and to share their experiences, challenges and passions.

High school students, and those outside of formal education aged 12 – 18, are encouraged to share a short story about part of their life, written or recorded.

ABC producers will work with the winners to develop and showcase their stories for broadcast across the ABC both locally and nationally. The winners will also receive networking and leadership opportunities to enable their voices to be heard.

City of Melton Mayor Cr Kathy Majdlik urged local teenagers to share a story about an interesting part of their life or an issue that affects them.

“I’d encourage all young people in the City of Melton to share their story. It’s a wonderful opportunity to have your perspective represented in the media and to develop your leadership skills,” Cr Majdlik said.

“It could be about something that’s challenged you or something you’re passionate about. Sharing your experiences, and the things that inspire you or even upset you, will help give all young people a voice.”

Director of ABC Regional and Local, Judith Whelan said the Takeover Melbourne Competition provides young people with the opportunity to tell their stories and create their own narrative.

“The ABC is dedicated to sharing the unique and powerful voices of young Australians. Initiatives like Takeover remind the rest of us that it’s time to listen,” Ms Whelan said.

Entries to Takeover Melbourne are open until Friday 25 June, with entrants advised to submit either 300-400 words in writing or 2-4 minutes of audio/video.

For entry tips and advice, more information, and to enter, visit abc.net.au/takeover

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